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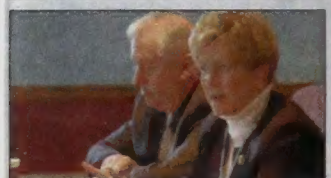
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Body found at fire

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Minden Fire Department responded to a fire call on Scotch Line West early Monday morning. The home of Jim Callaghan, who was found deceased at the site, was destroyed in the blaze. (See photo on page two.)

Police were summoned and it was determined that the homeowner's death was not related to the fire. Acting Haliburton Highlands OPP Staff Sergeant Tim Pierce said the circumstances surrounding Callaghan's death are not considered suspicious.

Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell said the 911 call was received at about 1:20 a.m. Monday.

The house was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived on the scene. A total of 15 firefighters brought the fire under control in 45 minutes to an hour.

Schell said a major safety concern was a 500-pound propane tank beside the house. But firefighters were able to keep enough water on the tank to prevent it from rupturing.



Darren Lum/TIMES

B-b-b-brave B-b-becky

Becky Smith shivers before her plunge during the third annual polar bear dip in Ingoldsby on New Year's Day. She and 22 other hardy souls took the plunge into Lake Kashagawigamog to ring in 2005.

Got the winter blues?

Season can cast a blanket of discontent. Or not

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

It drapes Haliburton County like a white shroud. Whiskey jacks and blue jays stash secret pockets of food all over the bush in preparation for it. Birds that can't—primarily fruit and insect eaters—must migrate elsewhere. Black bears are forced into a torpid state, feeding off fat reserves

built up from the summer. In the natural world, everything is geared toward surviving the long deep freeze.

"Winter is a toughie on a lot of animals," says Bart Hilhorst of the Ministry of Natural Resources. "You've got to be a survivor and you've got to be tough to do it."

Animals that have lived here for hundreds of thousands of

years have since developed sophisticated strategies for living with winter. But it begs the question: How well have humans adapted?

Winter can be disheartening for many. The snow cover carries a mute intensity that absorbs all sound and memory of the previous season. Days are shorter. Skies are grey and overcast. And

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Clinic thrown lifeline

Township promises \$20,000 to keep doctors in Minden

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

The township of Minden Hills will bail out the financially strapped Minden Health Clinic, at least for the short term. At a special in-camera council meeting on Wednesday afternoon, council passed a resolution to help the clinic stay afloat by a narrow four to three margin.

In the resolution, the township pledged \$20,000 in assistance for Dr. Bennett Wu and Dr. Emile Campioni's practice at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' Minden site. The clinic has been promised the money before the end of January.

"Even though in our own hearts we don't think it's the right thing to do in the final analysis it is the right thing to do right now," says Reeve Ross Rigney.

The clinic was slated for closure this month because of the retirement of Dr. Jaan Roos, whose financial contributions made the clinic viable. The community has since been left scrambling to find new doctors, or a way to keep the two remaining doctors here in Minden.

The township will continue to support the clinic for a period of 90 days, upon which the matter will be revisited.

Council is also asking to buy out Dr. Roos' share of equipment in order to help Dr. Wu and Dr. Campioni's continued practice.

The township asserted further control over the clinic by asking Dr. Wu to transfer his share of equipment to the ownership of Minden Hills.

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House destroyed

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B-b-b-bathing b-b-b-beauties

There were 22 boisterous men and women from Allsaw Pentecostal Church who plunged into the New Year by taking a dip in Lake Kashagawigamog on Jan. 1. Shivering in bathing suits. One by one the brave souls plugged their noses and jumped into a cut hole in the ice then quickly escaped via ladder. Jillian Stahls lingered awhile and even made a second dip to ensure her position as most cold-tolerant of the group. Started by Greg Smith, the event is a most anticipated event — at least for these polar bears. For more photos, see page 12 and 13.

Deer die after Little Boshkung ice trauma

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

In spite of the efforts of several people who rescued two deer from the icy water of Little Boshkung Lake in late December, both animals died.

The deer had gone through the ice about 100 yards from shore near the boat launch on Highway 118 west of Carnarvon. Some concerned people rounded up a couple of aluminum boats and broke ice out to the deer. Unfortunately, the animals had been in the water for several hours before they were finally brought to shore.

A local couple took the deer and kept them in their garage for several days, feeding them and getting them up on their feet. The deer were unable to get up on their own. It is suspected that they had splayed their hind legs on the ice before they broke through, a situation that is difficult for deer to survive.

Combined with the exposure to the cold water for an extended period, both deer succumbed to the trauma.

A fawn that was with the two does died before it could be pulled from the lake.

The carcasses were taken to the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve and placed in the wolf enclosure to help feed the wolves.



Renzo Rosati/TIMES

Orde's ghost house rests in pieces

The abandoned house on Orde Street behind the Twisty Treat has been demolished. Fears that youths using the building could be injured or cause a fire have been allayed. The demolition, by municipal employees, took place Wednesday morning.

Tower's got a great view and it makes money, too

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Driving up Highway 35 the Dorset Tower is a well-known landmark but over the years the tourist attraction has struggled to stay viable – until now.

In 2004, the Dorset look-out tower made its first profit with

an \$8,000 increase in revenue. The announcement was made during the December meeting of Algonquin Highlands council. The tower became part of the new municipality's property holdings during amalgamation.

Council learned that enough

people had finally braved the climb with its spectacular view of Lake of Bays, Kawagama Lake, Dorset and the surrounding area to make this tourist destination self-sustaining.

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardener says Barb Kostenuk of the tower committee has been very

keen and working hard to get the operation into the black. She's worked hard to turn the operation around and has done it.

The other members of council agreed Kostenuk is well deserving of praise for the year-end report on the tower.

Fire calls way down in Stanhope

Chief says some types of calls have virtually stopped coming

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

Fire departments around the county are receiving roughly the same number of calls for help since the inception of 911, except for one.

Stanhope Fire Chief John Hogg says his department has not seen as much action since the new system took place, specifically with accident and medical calls.

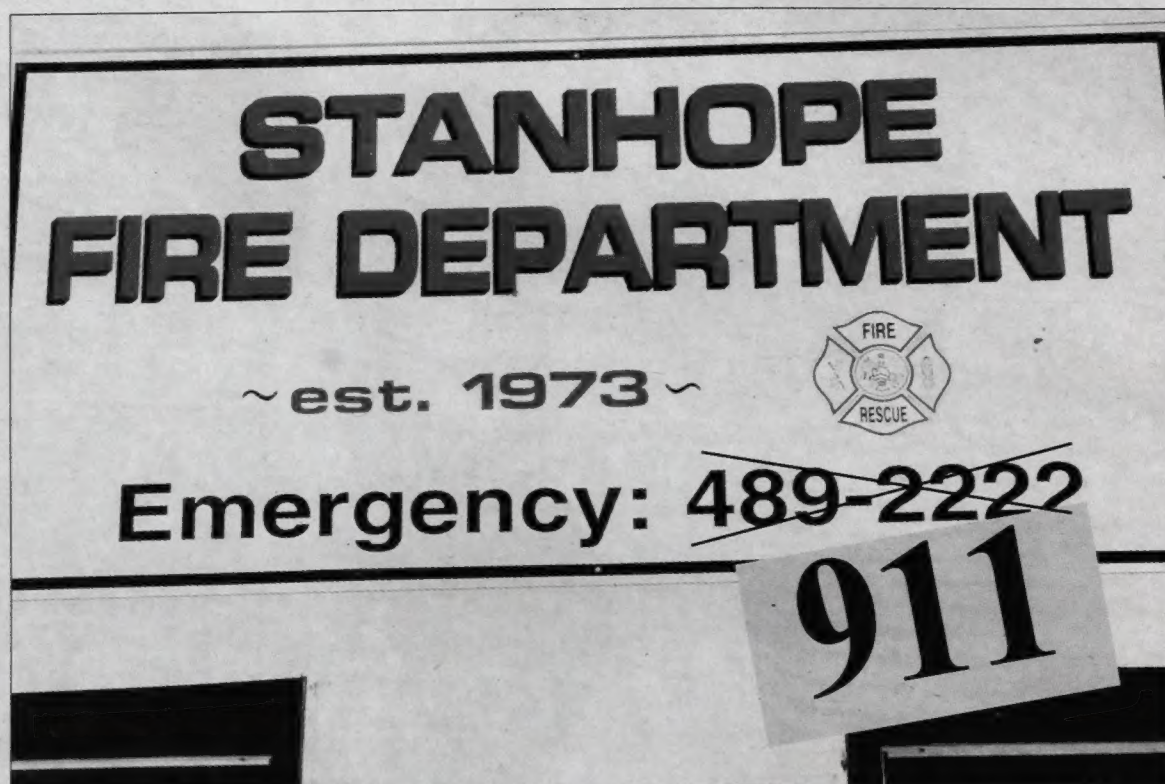
"Certainly our calls our down substantially, but by no means do we know the function of it. We don't hear about calls we don't get," says Hogg.

Though Hogg is cautious in his deliberations, a likely explanation for the fall is because Stanhope was the one anomaly among municipalities in regards to response procedures prior to 911. The majority of municipalities employed a sequential dispatch, where if an ambulance was called, the ambulance would then, at its discretion, decide to call the fire department. Stanhope, however, had the "fire phone ladies", essentially a party line of sorts that could simultaneously notify the ambulance, police, and fire department.

"Those kinds of calls have disappeared," says Hogg.

Stanhope's old-fashioned system was once the norm for emergency response plans. Bob English, Emergency Services Manager for Haliburton County, says although response time was very good in these cases, it wasn't the most efficient way of doing things.

"A lot of times the fire department was not required on the scene. And in rural areas where you had volunteer fire departments, it was taking people away



Sign at the Stanhope Fire Department: things have changed around the fire hall since 911 was introduced. The chief says calls are down dramatically.

from their jobs, a lot of times unnecessarily. And it was an extra cost to the townships for their fire department to respond to these calls whether needed or not," says English.

As a result of 911's sequential dispatch, a tiered response agreement was drafted, which identifies different classifications for various emergencies. Fire departments are automatically dispatched for life-threatening situations such as cardiac arrest or an absence of breathing. There is also a grey area where dispatchers may assign crews to what they feel is a life-threatening crisis.

"What we wanted to do was make it as easy as possible for the dispatchers to know whether or

not fire should respond," says English.

In general, English says, the average time it takes for the fire department to be employed in medical emergencies is two to three minutes. For places like Dysart, whose Lindsay ambulance dispatch is also responsible for Dysart fire department calls, it's usually only 30 seconds.

"Once you get the more sophisticated systems, it's sequential. They don't have the ability to page two people at once," says Hogg.

Since ambulance are required to cover a wider area, and generally there are more fire departments per capita in the region, there could be scenarios in which the old system could be consid-

ered better.

"There were a few instances when we probably could have been called directly and we would have gone to assist. But as to how many those are? I don't know," says Hogg.

Still, Hogg believes the 911 system to be superior, and that the tiered response agreement ensures the fire department will be there in a serious medical crisis, even with the slight lag in fire department response time.

"911 provides a lot of progress, especially for people who didn't know where to call or who to call. It's an additional step in the process. Everybody knows 911 and they can do it quickly, and that is certainly a net benefit," says Hogg.

Get a passport at MP's clinic January 14

Local MP Barry Devolin will host a Passport Clinic at the Haliburton Legion on January 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"If they are well received, I intend to hold clinics semi-annually on a regular basis," Devolin says. "At these clinics, my staff and I will go over passport applications in an effort to reduce unwanted complications."

"Once someone's paperwork is completed, they can leave their forms with us. We will send them to be processed; then call the person once the passport is issued," said Devolin. "The processing time depends on the volume of the Passport Office, but on average, takes about four to six weeks."

The Passport Office is now into its peak season. From now until March, up to 15,000 passports are issued daily, compared to 8,000 during the rest of the year.

"My best advice is to apply as far in advance of your travel date as possible," Devolin says. "My motto is 'don't wait until you need it - get your passport today!'"

Passport applications can be picked up at the clinic and at most Canada Post offices. There is also a link on Devolin's website, www.barrydevolin.ca, for those who want to print an application off the Internet.

The passport fee is \$20 for a child less than 3 years of age; \$35 for children 3 to 15; and \$85 for anyone over 16 years of age. Payment may be made by Visa, MasterCard or American Express or by certified cheque or money order made out to the "Receiver General for Canada".



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Wildlife managers

When most people think of wildlife managers, they think of Ministry of Natural Resources personnel. The role of today's trappers seldom enters into the picture.

The early explorers came to this country in search of furs. It wasn't until well after the fur trade was established that Canada's other natural resources were tapped. White pine logs were prized as ship masts and, of course, miners came in search of a fortune in gold, silver or other precious metals.

Trappers are a big part of our heritage. Many of the trails they developed to transport furs between trading posts have become the thoroughfares we now use linking towns and cities. Trading posts developed into villages, towns and eventually cities.

In the early days of Canada's development, the fur trade was our number one industry.

Back then, there were no quotas and there was little regard for the sustainability of the furbearer resources. Now that we are into the 21st century, trapping is more a management tool for resource managers than it is a means of livelihood for a large segment of the population. The Ministry of Natural Resources sets quotas on furbearers that ensure the sustainability of the animals. The fur harvest smoothes out the peaks and valleys that occur in nature. Left to her devices, Mother Nature allows wildlife populations to accelerate out of control until they reach a point where the habitat will no longer sustain them. Disease and starvation are Mother Nature's method of population control.

Human encroachment has changed the face of our natural habitat. With the clearing of the land for agriculture or subdivisions, we have altered and diminished forever the habitat that is available for wildlife. So it is now very important that wildlife populations are managed in such a way to guarantee they don't eat themselves out of house and home. The best way to maintain a healthy balance is through regulated trapping. Isn't it better to have "surplus" animals used in a positive way, such as turned into a luxurious fur coat that will keep someone warm for generations than to have the animals starve or succumb to some horrible disease that causes a lingering death.

People are responsible for the decrease in habitat for animals and we are responsible to ensure the wildlife populations remain as stable as possible.

There will always be those who condemn trapping. Some people believe Mother Nature is best suited to take care of wildlife. They often view her as a grandmotherly, kindly old soul such as the one often portrayed in cartoons. As explained above, that isn't the case.

It's easy to condemn something we know very little about. Anyone who has an interest in becoming educated about trapping should attend the Minden District Fur Harvesters Workshop at the Minden Community Centre on Sunday, January 16. You will learn that trappers are stewards of wildlife and they are passionate about their role in helping to maintain Nature's balance. Trapping is a way of life for a small segment of our population in the winter months. The financial rewards are very small. Most could earn more if they expended the same amount of time working for minimum wage. And those who work at a minimum wage job seldom endure the scorn of ill-informed individuals who think differently about how our natural resources should be managed.

Trappers have the advantage of a healthy lifestyle. They spend time outdoors in a natural setting observing nature and they are much more knowledgeable about all things natural than those of us whose main exposure to wildlife is through a television screen.

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Pinnacles

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Bible can be used to justify or condemn many things

To the Editor:

In last week's paper, Reverend Cathy Mitchell, the Pentecostal preacher, is quoted as saying that "homosexuality is wrong." She stated that her view, and that of her congregation, comes "directly from the black and white print of Scripture."

I would like to point out that this same Bible she referred to also says that we should not eat pork, women shouldn't speak in church, eunuchs can't go to heaven, and we are not allowed to wear clothing made from mixed fibres. In fact the Bible says a lot of stuff that few people today agree with.

My argument is that the Bible should not be used to argue either side of any

controversial issue. Why? Because the Bible can be used to both condone and condemn almost any behaviour. People misuse the Bible by selectively choosing bits and pieces from it which support their views, while ignoring those pieces of Scripture which do not support their beliefs and behaviours.

We need to take responsibility for our own views, instead of saying we think a certain way because it is written in the Bible.

During the American Civil War (1861-1865) the Bible was used to condone slavery. Are we going to use it today to condone homophobia?

Amanda Austin
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Salad dressing

If ever there was a group that epitomized the term "lost in space," PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) just might be it. Famous for their bizarre stunts and ridiculously offensive posters, one of which equated the treatment of factory-farmed livestock to the plight of Holocaust victims, this group of attention-seekers has just released their list of the 10 worst dressed people.

And just to show you how bad their judgment really is, I'm not on it. So much for the "Kiss my Bass" ball cap.

Those who did make their list happen to be celebrities who chose to wear fur or leather -- and I'm not just talking underwear. This begs the question, if these time-honoured textiles are out, what then is acceptable to these animal rights trendsetters? Can't be silk. According to PETA the silkworms endure a life of enslavement to produce it. Surely not wool. That comes from poor exploited sheep. Cotton? Well, not if you have one

iota of respect for boll weevils. And who among us doesn't?

No sir, PETA decries anything that takes advantage of any innocent living creature. And they'll gladly take money from little old ladies just to prove it.

No furs, silks, cottons, or leathers? Fine, I say now it's time for these hard-core animal rights people to put their money where their mouth is and develop an alternative line of clothing that does not come from, or have a profound influence on the habitat, of living things. As far as I can figure, that'll leave them with rocks.

Sure, making stylish and functional clothes from rocks might prove to be a design challenge but at least nothing gets hurt, except maybe the tailors. And isn't that what it's all about? If this takes root,

Haliburton County might become a major fashion centre too. I don't know about you but I've got goose bumps.

Naturally, this will change everything.

For instance, if rock clothing catches on, the fashion industry will probably need a whole lot more plus size models. I can't imagine Kate Moss strutting down the runway while wearing a granite evening gown, although it might keep her anchored in a high wind.

Then there's the safety aspect. Obviously, some items of clothing will need to be tested before the product is made widely available. And since PETA

abhors the testing of products on animals, it'd only be right if they had their own members evaluate the feasibility of marble swimsuits.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Yes, the shoes would be tough on hardwood flooring but imagine the shape your legs would be in after walking up a set of stairs while wearing sixty pound loafers. And the underwear might prove useful in a fight, especially if someone kicks you in the stones. Or even the pebbles.

There'd be other advantages too. When conducting job interviews, an employer would be able to pick out the lazy people simply by looking for moss on their clothes. Furthermore, no one would be able to sneak up on you anymore and the whole Riverdance craze will be gone for good.

I know, the Kevlar vest people feel threatened by the idea but they're going to just have to move over for progress.

The point is, the people of PETA are just the right folk to lead us into this brave new fashion era. Hey, all you have to do is read their press releases to know that they've already got rocks in their heads.

Bachelors' hearts at home

On the first Sunday of 2005, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I are about to run out of both food and water and we couldn't be happier.

Actually, we COULD be happier, but little things like a burst water pipe under the kitchen sink and a skatable road aren't enough to squelch our joy at being back home again.

Ten days on the road for the holidays and what began as a grand tour by the two bachelors of Sapsucker Ridge feels more like a forced march at its end.

A trip that outlasts five-day forecasts and includes overnights in a Bruce County farmhouse and an upscale Niagara neighbourhood requires more luggage than an 18th century British general.

There are country clothes and city clothes, barn boots and city snowboots, walking shoes in case there is no snow in Niagara, dress shoes in case somebody asks me to go out dancing and a raggedy old bush coat to wear out to the barn.

When I hoist my luggage out of my truck I feel as though the weight of the world is on my shoulders, and most of it is. I yearn for a steamer trunk and two manservants to carry it.

There are the dog's crate, his food and dog dishes and extra leash and blanket. We are like a traveling rock group without the roadies or, sadly, the groupies.

The human bachelor has control of the truck keys, so the two road warriors have gone from Chesley to Owen Sound to Fonthill with stops along the way, visiting his family and his old friends.

That's my story. Jiggs would tell you that our hosts were a German Shepherd Dog who is his new great pal, an elderly Border Collie/Labrador Retriever mix who always can be coaxed into playing, and a crotchety Miniature Schnauzer who has never met a dog it doesn't hate.

The German Shepherd Cassie is supposed to dislike other dogs but nobody told her and so she and Jiggs play and play and play. And then play some more.

The games they play are the dominance games played by young dogs. When they are too intense, we separate them. When they are thirsty, they stop to have a drink.

Each dog tries mounting the other, but only Cassie is brought to the floor. My brother says it was a tactic, that Cassie allowed herself to be taken down. I have another view.

All three of the dogs we visit are shes, which is fine with Jiggs, who regards females as the infinitely superior half of any species. He adores every human female he meets and most of them adore him right back.

Christmas is in an Owen Sound townhouse with turkey and all the trimmings and presents bought and paid for by nephews, which are the very best kind of gifts a bachelor uncle can get.

There are walks in the snow and when a nephew and his father begin to roughhouse, Jiggs, who is not used to rowdy humans, decides they must be dogs and begins to roughhouse with them.

If Jiggs favours females, he isn't dogmatic about his preferences, if

you'll excuse the pun. For example, he has all the time in the world for an uncle we dined with at his farm near Guelph.

We had invited ourselves to a mid-day meal. My aunt and uncle come from a time and place where dinner is served at noon and that day the main course was their own roast beef.

Each mouthful was so tender, just think-

ing about it makes me want to weep. My uncle wants to know if it is alright to give Jiggs just a little bit of beef, and then he begins carving great chunks off the roast just as fast as the dog can eat them, which is pretty fast.

Jiggs thinks he has died and gone to heaven. For him, the rest of life will be a culinary anti-climax.

But 10 nights of sleeping in other people's houses have become too much for both of us. Dog and man head home frazzled and befuddled.

By the first Wednesday of 2005, the plumber has come to call and there is sand on our private road. There is hot water on tap and food in the fridge and all is right with the world.

But on the last afternoon of 2004, our long trek home ends with a ride up a driveway crusted with frozen slush. The truck feels its way up the final grade, trying to get a grip one wheel at a time, bucking and yawing as it goes.

When we stop, Jiggs steps down from the truck. There is a tentative step, then he trots back down the grade, wagging all the way.

He stops at the first bend, looks around him, lifts his nose high to drink in the smell of home. And then he barks and barks and barks.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Differences are fabric of a strong community

To the Editor:

I will spare your readers the rant that sprung to mind upon reading "The Gay Divide", yet another opportunity to stir the pot of homophobia. The rant can really be summed up in one sentence: For heaven's sake, get over it! You can sell papers without publishing this stuff.

If what we want is strong families led

by strong adult relationships in a strong community, then we can stop wasting time airing our personal prejudices, and get on with supporting each other in this enterprise of being human.

My New Year's wish for us all, especially those interviewed in this article

and its writer, is that we find and experience love and compassion and joy in our families, however they are structured, and that from that container of love and support we find ourselves able to extend

understanding, acceptance, and eventually, delight and appreciation to those we

perceive as different from us, until we finally realize that we are all one human family.

Our differences are what weave this extraordinary multicoloured fabric of community - in fact they are what unites us.

In Peace,
Claire Sylvan

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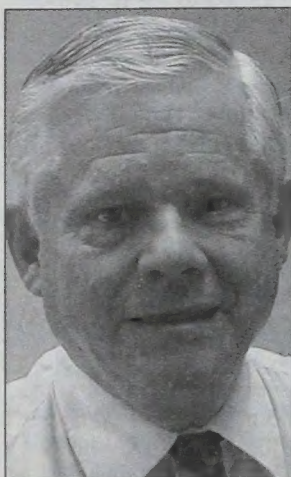
Times readers write

Wishes for a new year

Broadband internet, a stronger economy, firehall expansion among things hoped for in 2005

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

As we usher in a new year there are many things we would like to see come to fruition in the coming months. A few community leaders were asked what they would like to see happen in 2005.



Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney says he would like to see the upper levels of government come through with promised funding for infrastructure and the Connect Ontario Program. He would also be happy if rules the provincial and federal governments set wouldn't change so frequently.

At the county level, Rigney says he would like to see the decision made to go ahead with Connect Ontario. "We need to get broadband up and

running in the coming year." He said business growth in Haliburton County depends on availability of broadband Internet connectivity.

"I'd also like to see some headway made on recruiting doctors," Rigney said. "It's going to be tough in the short term but it will get better over the long term."

The development of a new three to five year plan is another thing on Rigney's wish list. He said plans that have already been developed need to be revamped because upper levels of government have changed regulations in midstream.



Haliburton County Warden and Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon says he would like to see everybody prosper in 2005.

"I'm glad to see the county move forward with marketing," he said. "We have to identify what we have to offer and build on it."

McMahon said the county's strengths include the fact that we have two hospitals, providing excellent health care. He thinks that is impor-

tant to those who may be considering moving businesses here or retiring here. "We're very fortunate to have two new hospitals, which compliment both Haliburton and Minden," he said. "They are a benefit to baby boomers who either want to set up shop or retire here."

McMahon said Haliburton County needs to move for-

ward and find other ways of doing business besides relying on the tourism industry.

The county warden is optimistic that the Frost Centre situation will turn into something positive.

Policing is near and dear to McMahon's heart and he said the Haliburton Highlands Detachment is near its full compliment of officers. He noted that only a few years ago police officers had their own areas of coverage and people in those areas got to know the officers who patrolled them. "We have to get to know our officers again," he said. A new police building is on his wish list for 2005.

"The county is growing [in terms of population] and we have to grow with it," he said. Looking at the collective experience of the members of county council, he said, "Our elected officials know what the county needs."

One of those needs, he says, is availability of broadband Internet communications.

"Broadband is the big thing," he said. "If we can get that locked in, we're set."

"I hope all of our businesses prosper," McMahon said. He noted that December was a good month for his business - McMahon Feeds and Needs. "There seemed to be lots of activity and no lack of spending," he said.

He hopes that continues throughout the coming year. "2005 should be very interesting," he said.



Dale Walker, Executive Director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation says she is hoping for good economic growth in 2005. "It would be good for the health of our communities," she said.

"I also hope the public continues to support our health care facilities the way they have in the past," she said.

The year 2004 ended with exceptional support for the Foundation. The Christmas

campaign exceeded last year's total and some donations are continuing to come in. "It has been an excellent campaign," she said. "We're very pleased. The support has been great in so many ways."

Walker said she is already looking forward to the events which have become annual fundraisers for the Foundation such as the golf tournament, the Deck and Dock Party, the Gala and others. She said a new event is planned for August of 2005, the details of which have not yet been finalized. It will be a Garden Party, and the venue will be Twisted Pine Studio.

"We have lots of fun things coming up," Walker said.

Bob English, Manager of Emergency Medical Services for Haliburton County, hopes co-operation between emergency service providers will continue as well as it has over the past couple of years.

"I am excited about the progress made the last couple

of years with our Tri-Services Committee and the co-operation between all five of the Community Emergency Management Co-ordinators in Haliburton County. All parties and agencies have been working hard towards co-ordinating efforts to provide the optimum in emergency services and preparedness for Haliburton County," he said. "For 2005 I would like to see this trend continue as there is still lots of work to be done to enhance the programs we have in place at the present time."

"On a personal note, I feel blessed to be able to reside and work in an area like Haliburton County. For 2005, my desire is to continue to make contributions to the benefit of the residents and visitors of our County."



Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell's biggest wish for

2005 is the expansion of the fire hall. The proposed expansion would join the new fire hall with the old one at the corner of Prince and St. Germaine streets. "It would give us an extra bay and some more room for storage," he said, noting that it is cramped for space in the current building with the rescue boat and the fire and emergency response trucks.

Another thing on his wish list is to get a defibrillator and have all the firefighters trained in its use.

"Another wish would be for a quiet year," he quipped. He's not holding his breath on that one.



Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison

would be happy to see the resolution of the municipality's septage disposal problem. "I would like to move forward with a sewage treatment facility," she said.

The disposition of the Frost Centre is also foremost in Harrison's mind as we head into 2005. "I'd like to see the development of a really good, viable plan for the Frost Centre," she said.

Broadband communications is another service she

would like to have available as soon as possible.

Since water trails are no longer funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the cost of keeping them open to the public will mean charging user fees. "We will partner with the MNR to keep that going," she said.

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Trapper's workshop showcases a part of Canada's heritage

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

There won't be any faux furs on display at the Minden Community Centre on Sunday, January 16. The fur fashions and the pelts at the annual Minden District Fur Harvesters Workshop will be the real thing.

Patrons can expect to see everything from mink, muskrat, beaver, otter and fisher to coyote, fox and maybe a wolf or two. Some will be in the form of pelts and some will be made into luxurious fur coats or stoles.

One of the highlights of the event is always the fur fashion show by Cahill Furs of Peterborough. The fur fashions will be modeled, runway style, for everyone to admire. The fur fashion show is scheduled for about 3 p.m.

The event showcases a heritage activity, the harvest of a renewable natural resource. It includes fur preparation contests for adults and youths. Prizes will be awarded for fur prepared at home or at the workshop so patrons can see the finished product or watch the process first-hand.

Judges from North Bay and the North American Fur Auction in Toronto will determine the prizewinners.

Numerous other contests will be held for the young and not so young. If the weather permits, a tomahawk throw will be held outside, with prizes for those who prove to be the most accurate.

A number of booths will be set up with everything from trapping supplies and dog collars to taxidermy and Tupperware. The artistry of Fish Fur Game Taxidermy of Haliburton is a perennial at the workshop. Terry and Liz Cowen will be on hand to provide information on their work to anyone interested in taxidermy.

The Canadian Trading Post Trapping Supplies booth provides workshop patrons with the opportunity to stock up on traps, snare wire, knives and outdoor-related books and videos, among other things.

Storage solutions around the kitchen or workshop will be available in the form of Tupperware. Purchases or orders can be made at the booth, which will be operated by Bernadette Tamlin.

Glen Perry, who has a dog supplies business, will have a booth at the workshop. Bishop Seeds will be on hand with seeds for wildlife plots.

Jim Lawrence of the Canadian Outdoor Heritage Alliance will speak for a few minutes on issues of interest to trappers and other outdoors enthusiasts.

The annual Trapper's Workshop promises something of interest to almost everyone.



The fur fashion show is always a highlight of the Minden District Fur Harvesters Workshop. This year's workshop is slated for Sunday, January 16 at the Minden Community Centre (upstairs) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dorset library may move

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

The Dorset library may have to find a new home, now that the recreation committee has been given the green light to expand its kitchen.

The library, which is housed by the recreation centre, was rumoured to be heading to the existing museum premises, an idea the library board wasn't ecstatic about.

"The board had a consultant take a look at it and make a recommendation and the consultant advised it not be used," says County Librarian Joel Levis. "For our purposes, it's really not very suitable."

The museum, which is the former municipal office for Sherbourne et al, would need several alternations to make it viable.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner says the township would be willing to co-operate with the library to make its transition comfortable.

"If we decided that's the way we had to go, then we'd have to spend the money to make it desirable; putting in the washrooms, taking out the walls, and other necessary upgrades," says Gardner.

Other possibilities include moving the library to the recreation centre's basement, something that may be feasible should a proposed elevator be installed in

the future. Council is also not ruling out keeping the library where it is now.

"God knows, if the library had to stay there - and this is speculation - and we were to go on with the kitchen expansion, maybe we would have to expand it in a different direction," says Gardner.

Whatever the case, the library board seems open to various scenarios. Chairperson Bill Howe says it's the township's prerogative to decide the library's fate as they see fit.

Since the expansion would not occupy all of the existing library space, there would also be room for a possible office. Both the recreation committee and a group of community volunteers are spearheading the project.

Council is asking for a business plan from the alliance to demonstrate how the project will be financed.

Melissa Alfano, recreation coordinator for the township, says the project will create a more user-friendly kitchen.

Students asked to raise money for tsunami victims' relief

Students are back to school and are busy making plans to raise funds to help in the relief effort for countries ravaged by the recent tsunami.

Director of Education David Hill has requested that schools consider dedicating their regular fundraising efforts for the month of January to a relief fund for victims of the tsunami. Regular fundraising events for most Trillium Lakelands schools include pizza and hot dog lunches as well as cafeteria sales. Schools are also encouraged to initiate activities specific to the relief fund.

"It is impossible for us to truly fathom the extent of this disaster," stated Director Hill, "We have all been touched by this tragedy and we need to step forward to assist with relief efforts in any way possible."

Archie Stouffer Elementary School is in the midst of deciding what its fundraising campaign will entail.

Some examples of plans for fundraising at Trillium Lakelands Schools include:

- The Foster Parents Club at Fenelon Falls Secondary School, known for raising more money for Foster Parents International than any other North American high school, will be collecting money over the next five days for tsunami relief and sending it to the Red Cross.

- Jack Callaghan Public School has several activities planned including a pay a dollar each day to wear your pajamas to school on Wednesday, a hat to school on Thursday, and wacky hair on Friday.

- Ridgewood Public School is coordinating a school-wide "Thoughtful Thursdays" where staff and students can bring change to school each Thursday during the month of January in support of relief funds for tsunami victims.

"I'm extremely proud of our staff and students," says school board Chair Bob Orr.

"I'm pleased that our staff and students are taking this opportunity to not only educate themselves about the devastation that has taken place in these areas of the world, but to also rally together to do whatever they can to help."

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by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Pam Sayne of Know Your Home Inspections offers a service that could save homeowners a considerable sum in heating costs. She does home inspections to determine areas where heat is lost and offers suggestions on how to solve heat loss problems.

Working with the EnerGuide for Houses program, Sayne says, "I give homes an EnerGuide rating and help make them more energy efficient."

She does two inspections - one to determine the air leakage and, after the suggested improvements are done, one to assess the repairs' effectiveness.

The initial inspection reveals where improvements can be made to make a home more energy efficient. Sayne gives the homeowner tips on what can be done to improve efficiency, which usually entails sealing cracks around windows and doors, insulating around foundations and in attics and other areas.

Andy and Sylvia Campbell of Minden have taken advantage of Know Your Home Inspections to improve their home's fuel efficiency. After the initial test, the Campbells made several improvements, including replacement of windows, putting Styrofoam insulation and siding over the concrete block house, and insulating the top of the foundation.

Andy Campbell says he would highly recommend the inspection process. "It's an excellent way to find areas where you can improve efficiencies in the home," he said. "And you can recover the money that it costs to find that out."

The EnerGuide Program will reimburse a portion of the costs of improvements to qualifying applicants. "Basically, the report pays for itself big time," Campbell said. "This was a pretty leaky old house."

The improvements the Campbells have made to their home have resulted in huge savings in fuel costs. "We were getting



Andy and Sylvia Campbell of Minden are taking the One-Tonne Challenge. They have had their home on Orde Street inspected by Pam Sayne of Know Your Home Inspections and are acting on her recommendations to improve the house's fuel efficiency. Left to right: Pam Sayne, Andy Campbell and Sylvia Campbell.

the oil tank filled up every three weeks and now it is every four weeks," he said. "That's 25 per cent. It's an investment, but it comes back to you. With the price of oil so high, all of a sudden it's worth it."

Even with the improvements he has already made, Campbell says there is more to be done. During the Christmas break he is adding a layer of Styrofoam insulation to his basement walls. The Campbells have already exceeded the EnerGuide requirements of reducing the emissions by a ton. The Orde Street home is much more fuel efficient but, he says, "There are still some improvements to do."

He is pleased with the improvements. "It's a good investment, no doubt about

it," he said.

Pam Sayne is a member of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors. She is qualified to give EnerGuide ratings. She measures air leakage with special instrumentation by pressurizing the home with a fan and measuring the incoming air pressure. She can estimate the combined air coming into the building that shouldn't be if it was properly sealed. It is called a blower door test.

"Some of the least costly improvements are the most efficient," she says. Caulking around windows and doors and insulation between floor joists at foundations can often result in substantial savings in heat loss, she said.

The cost of an inspection is about \$225.

"It is a very thorough inspection," she said.

"Any inspections that are booked before the end of January, I will make a \$10 donation to either the YWCA or the Minden Food Bank, whichever the home owner chooses."

Along with the benefits of saving money on fuel costs and saving the atmosphere, Sayne says, "People get to know their homes better."

More information on the EnerGuide for Houses program can be obtained from the Natural Resources Canada website at: <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/houses-maisons/english/choice.cfm>.

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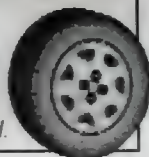
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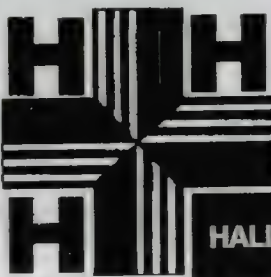
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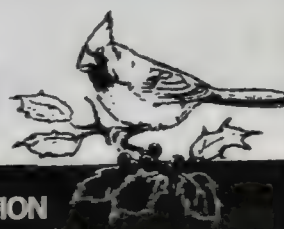
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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION



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the reduced exposure to sunlight causes many to suffer from seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a form of melancholy.

"It's a lot more common than people realize," says Gordon Smith, a naturopath physician at Carnarvon Naturopathic Centre. "[Sufferers] slow down generally and possess all the symptoms we normally associate with clinical depression. A tendency to overeat. A craving for carbohydrates. They sleep a lot. Feelings of boredom and tiredness. And then in the summer they feel more energetic, more active, more normal."

Some naturopaths prescribe botanical remedies such as St. John's wort extract, one of the best selling anti-depressants in countries such as France and Germany.

Another common treatment is bright light therapy, which has been shown to suppress the brain's secretion of melatonin, a hormone linked to depression that is produced most significantly in the dark.

"We all react to the amount of daylight to a certain extent," says Jose Urbano, Program Director at Minden Mental Health Services. "But it affects us in many different ways. Some people have their usual way of life seriously disrupted by changes in their mood."

Urbano adds that there is still debate within the mental health community as to the legitimacy of talking about SAD as a specific distinct entity, claiming winter may only be amplifying an already existing depressive state.

This possibility causes naturopaths like Smith to believe there can be far more simple solutions

Laugh at winter? Well, why the heck not!



The youngest participant, seven-year-old Ashlyn MacLennan is comforted by her mother after jumping into Lake Kashagawigamog's chilly depths during the 2005 polar dip.

for the winter blues than medication. He says it's important for people to simply move and get out into the daylight, even if it

isn't full sunlight.

"I'd rather approach it by an adjustment in terms of lifestyle. Let's start by just changing our

rhythm. Taking into consideration that there is a circadian shift and we have to compensate for that."

Compensation can take on a variety of forms, ranging from the moderate to the unusual. For the last few years, Pastor Cathy Mitchell and select members of Allsaw Pentecostal Church have gathered at Ingoldsby public beach for a New Year's Day polar dip. A chainsaw cuts a hole 6'x4' through the ice, exposing the same water in which Mitchell performs baptism services during the summer.

"Trepidation? Oh, it's awful. A couple weeks before we do it, I think of a hundred ways to back out. But I'm the pastor, I can't back out. But then when you do it, you wonder what you were so scared about. It's not as cold as you think it is," says Mitchell.

Donning only a bathing suit, swimmers take the frigid plunge in an act of lunacy that can only be described as the ultimate human protest against the shackles of winter.

Mitchell says one feels "alive" for the rest of the day following a polar dip, and claims it can alleviate the oppressive feelings brought on by the season.

"I was just listening to the news and they were talking about SAD syndrome, and I thought, 'Everyone needs to do a polar dip'. That takes the syndrome right out of winter."

Others, such as Blake Paton, chairman of the Haliburton Ski Club, seems predisposed for winter. Each year Paton and company informally gather under a full moon for a nighttime ski. On a clear evening, the blue moonlight reflecting off the snow brilliantly illuminates the ski paths. The phosphorescent beauty of a winter night is something Paton calls a "real celebration".

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The sun was shining for the polar bear dippers on New Years Day, but it didn't make it any warmer. (Photos by Darren Lum.)

More colour here than in the tropics?



How's the water? Not too bad once you get used to it! (Yah, right...) All you have to do is look at this brave soul's face for the right answer.

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"I'm never happier than in the winter. January and February are miracles, the woods are beautiful and the feel of gliding on fast skis is addictive and exhilarating," says Paton.

Paton's adoration of winter exemplifies those that thrive at this time of year. These are the ones that live on the surfaces of snow, surfing the cold, hanging out where the beauty and light is reflected. For those of us who live beneath the snow, winter is something darker, something that deprives us of sunlight and warmth.

Jack Reid, one of the most respected winter landscape artists in the country, —even the Queen of England adorns Windsor Castle with his works — eloquently identifies these two archetypal responses to winter in his paintings.

"There are two distinct kinds of feeling. There's the very soft, muted, subdued, grey kind of overcast day —and that appeals to me very much. Then there is the other type: the bright powerful sun in a winter forest. I don't know of any place in Canada that has that like Haliburton. It has more colour than the tropics."

Whatever one's leaning may be, that silent white surface weighs as heavy on our hearts as it does on the slanted branches of the county's evergreens; and from that weight, that heaviness, a variety of strategies emerge.

Perhaps none are so powerful as possessing the memory of what is yet to come, or as Shakespeare once wrote, "But flowers distilled, though they with winter meet/Lose but their show; their substance still lives sweet."

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Lights contest appreciated

To the Editor:

Thank you to the *Times* and *Echo* staff for your extensive coverage of your "Christmas Lights" contest and great photographs of individual displays throughout the county. Also, I'd like to thank Cathy Olliffe for enthusiastically making her way through knee-deep snow to capture the ambiance of the season within these photos. Happy New Year!

Dorothy Mackenzie-Payne



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

**DETAIL DESIGN STUDY
HIGHWAY 118 IMPROVEMENTS
MINK CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT
COUNTY OF HALIBURTON,
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(W.P. 4334-04-00)**

THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment study to investigate replacement to the Mink Creek Culvert located on Highway 118, 140 m west of County Road 9 (Inlet Bay Rd.). MTO is considering the following two options for staging traffic during the removal and replacement of the Mink Creek Culvert:

- 1) Conventional staging within the Ministry's right-of-way by:
 - Keeping Highway 118 open;
 - Utilizing a single lane open to traffic; and
 - Traffic signals to control traffic.
- 2) Detouring traffic onto adjacent municipal roadways by:
 - Closing Highway 118 at the culvert site for 2-3 weeks;
 - Using Dickinson Rd. and Inlet Bay Rd. (County Road 9) to detour traffic;
 - Posting the speed to 40 km/h; and
 - Utilizing speed mitigation measures.

A key map of the study area is provided below.



THE PROCESS

The study will follow the approved planning process for Group "B" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (MTO 2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be available for review and comment. Another notice will be published at that time.

One Public Information Centre (PIC) is planned during this study, and is tentatively scheduled for early 2005. The date, time and location of the PIC will be advertised in local newspapers.

There is an opportunity at any time during the Provincial Highways Class Environmental Assessment process for interested persons to review outstanding issues and request an Individual Environmental Assessment.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have about the study. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Study Team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Please send any comments or requests to the following:

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Hospital staff 'nice people'

To the Editor:

At Christmas our six-year-old daughter spent the entire day on the couch crying because of an earache. She watched everyone laughing and having fun opening their presents and just couldn't join in. By four o'clock in the afternoon we knew we had to take her to the hospital. We all bundled up for the slippery walk up our driveway only to watch her twin sister fall and split her chin open just feet from the car. Needless to say, now we were headed to the hospital with two six-year-olds.

We spent our Christmas dinner hour at

the Minden Hospital. The doctor and nurses couldn't have been any nicer. Not only did they fix up our girls, they sent them on their way with little gift bags and beautiful teddy bears.

We just wanted to say "Thank you" and "Merry Christmas" to the staff of the Minden Hospital who give up their Christmas dinners every year to take care of every one else. (We are hoping not to see you next Christmas!)

Kim and Stan Russell
Minden

Anglicans upholding traditional view

To the Editor:

Re: The Gay Divide, *Times*, December 31, 2004

I would like to clarify a few points for your readers.

The Anglican Church of Canada is upholding the traditional definition of marriage as between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. The issue before the ACC is blessing of unions between same gender couples; the Anglican Church would not call these unions "marriages."

The tone of this article implied that St.

Paul's is divided over this issue — rather, opinions are all over the map, and there are more important issues we deal with on a day to day basis!

Most importantly, challenging our church and society today is how the gospel message of Jesus is practised. What does Jesus say about homosexuality?

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Deadline for applications is January 21, 2005. Please direct resumes and covering letters to:

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Tykes reach A championship title game in tournament

by KATHY MCKELVEY-BROWN
Special to The Times

Tuesday, December 28 saw the Highland Storm Tyke team host a tournament at the Minden arena. Teams from Fenelon Falls, Woodville, Barrie, Orillia and Stouffville participated in the action.

The Storm took on the Fenelon Flyers in the first game of the day. An exciting game of end-to-end action remained scoreless at the end of the first. Storm's William Stephenson notched one in the second with helpers going to Braydin Hollows and Morgan Hamilton.

Both teams scored once in the third, with Stephenson scoring his second of the game. Fenelon pulled their goalie in the last minute of the game but was unable to put one past the Storm's goalie, Hunter Bishop, who did an awesome job in net. Final tally Storm 2 - Fenelon 1



The Storm's second match of the day was against a team from Barrie. Logan Churko replaced Bishop in net, also doing a great job between the pipes. Barrie's goalie was hot, but the Storm dominated the game. There

were strong defensive plays by Braden Roberts, Connor Gadow, Owen Flood (MVP) and Bishop and forechecking by Sydney Cameron, Joel Fedeski and the rest of the forwards was outstanding.

Barrie opened the scoring just two minutes into the game but Austin McKay, assisted by Devon Upton, matched it a short time later.

The second period was a repeat of the first with Barrie scoring and The Storm following up with an equalizer on a goal through the five hole by Braydin Hollows on a pass from McKay and Stephenson.

The third period was all Storm with three goals scored in all: Upton on a pass from Hamilton, Hollows on a pass from Stephenson and Stephenson with the help of Hollows. Final score Highland Storm 5, Barrie 2.

The third game saw the Storm in the "A" Championship game against a strong Stouffville Clipper team. Although the Storm team worked hard they were no match for the Clippers. After a long day, and a successful tournament the team was happy with their hardware.



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Volleyballers meet their match

Red Hawks setter Sherri Walker bumps a ball over the net during tournament action against I.E. Weldon at HHSS on Wednesday, Jan. 5. HHSS lost the first game 13 - 25 and the second 18 - 25, losing the match two games to zero. See further details in upcoming *Echo*.

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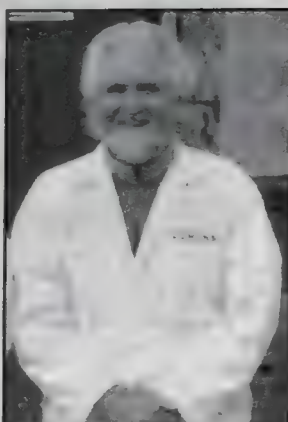
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Red Hawks centre Jesse Johnson holds off a Falcons centre following a faceoff during Monday's home game. HHSS beat Fenelon Falls 8 - 4. They remain first in the AA Kawartha High School League. Johnson finished the game with three points to lead all scorers.

Bantams battle hard at Wasaga

by CANDACE LOWES
Special to The Times

The Rodco Enterprises Bantam As travelled to Wasaga Beach over the Christmas holidays for the Silver Stick Tournament. The coaching staff had high expectations for the team but it wasn't meant to be.

In the first game they ran into a brick wall named Paris and despite goals by Todd Simms and Steve Miscio the Storm lost 8-2.

In the second game later that day, the Storm played a team from Elora and they fell again. The next morning they played a team from Penetang, and the Storm found their legs, marching to a 5-0 win.

Kelsey Pierson opened the scoring with a beautiful goal, the assist going to Derek Carpenter. Kelsey fractured his arm later in the game after a taking a thundering bodycheck, and the team hopes he has a speedy recovery. Matt Eno made it 2-0 before the first was over. Penetang didn't back down but thanks to some great goaltending by Paddy Manuge they couldn't get on the scoreboard. Steve Miscio scored the only goal of the second with assists going to Pierson and Carpenter. The Storm added two more in the third period, one by Brady Hicks and one by Todd Simms.

They didn't win the tournament but by all accounts everyone had fun.

Midget AEs look ahead to weekend road games

Highland Storm 6, Mariposa 2

On December 21, the G. J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Midget AE took to the ice in Haliburton facing Mariposa.

The scoreless first period was played with Highland Storm lending their goalie, Joel MacPhee, to Mariposa. During the second period the Mariposa goalie arrived and Joel MacPhee left the ice with a shutout.

However, the play of the evening went to Billy Kulas for a goal scored on J.D. Crowe in the Highland Storm net; the team not only lent Mariposa a goalie it even gave Mariposa its first goal to end the second period Highland Storm 2 Mariposa 1. This was a very comical game to watch and after the Midget AE Silverstick Tournament the team deserved a break.

In the third period the Storm scored four goals with a hattrick going to Josh Townsend. Final score: Highland Storm 6 Mariposa 2. JD Crowe played net well for the Storm and his sense of humor with Billy's terrific goal was appreciated. Well done team!

The additional goals and assists for the team were two goals by Tim Pettit, one goal and one assist by Patrick Prevost, two assists by Gavin Hicks, one assist each by Matt Clements, Adam DeCarlo, Billy Kulas, Max Ambridge and Kody Smith.

Father/Son Fun Game
Fathers 10, Sons 10

A week later the Highland Storm took to the ice in Haliburton for the Father/Son Fun Game. Great fun was had by all who dared to dress for the game. This was a 90-minute game played not only with the fathers but brothers and cousins, too. Fun was had by all on the ice, you could tell by the smiles on their faces after the game. The netminders were J.D. Crowe for the Fathers and Joel MacPhee for the Sons

N. Muskoka 6, Highland Storm 0

On December 30 the Midgets took to the road for an exhibition game in Bala facing North Muskoka at 9 p.m.

The first period started with Muskoka coming on very strong with four goals ending the first period 4-0.

The second period slowed the scoring down to two goals for Muskoka. The third period was scoreless yet Highland Storm was unable to find a hole in the N. Muskoka net. Great netminding efforts for J.D. Crowe and Joel MacPhee

With all the holiday festivities and the school break over the team looks forward with anticipation to the next league game scheduled for Saturday January 8 facing Bracebridge in Bracebridge with an 8:20 p.m. start and again on Sunday January 9 facing N. Muskoka in Bala with a 2:45 p.m. start. What will the New Year have in store for the Highland Storm? Stay tuned.

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Anniversary can't stop clock

While our eldest son David's birthday Christmas Day always receives special attention here at the farmhouse, wedding anniversary celebrations usually just get blended into the overall festivities. This year marked number 46. Back in 1958 Bruce had just started teaching elementary school and with vacation time at Christmas we decided to set the date for the 27th. Some years later this resulted in a call from Megan's kindergarten teacher advising us that our daughter had announced to her classmates that brother David was born on Christmas Day and her parents got married two days later. She had neglected, however, to add in the four year interval separating these two life events.

Years ago we had an authentic cuckoo clock complete with pendulum and weights mounted on the farmhouse stairwell wall. Its hourly pronouncements were not always appreciated by overnighters. One morning we awoke to silence finding the cuckoo mortally wounded with clock chains tied and pendulum missing. This year, by request, my anniversary gift was a cuckoo clock. A modern battery version it is programmed to shut down between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. We are gradually getting used to the sound ahead of the bird's appearance similar to that of rushing water from broken water pipes and the built in echo which doubles its cries and confuses the time seeker. The anonymous culprit who caused our original cuckoo's demise is coming to visit mid January. We are prepared with all bases covered.

Mark your calendars now for a special musical afternoon as Blues in the Hall takes over the Galway Hall on Sunday, January 16 from 2 - 6 p.m. Doors will open at 1 p.m. for this age of majority event featuring Bobby Watson and his Blues Players. Proceeds raised will go to support the Kinmount & District Health Centre. Tickets are \$10.00 per person with a chance to win some great door prizes. The Galway Hall/Community Centre is located on the Galway Road about 3 km. south of Kinmount and 1.5 km. in from C.R. 121.

The Galway Community Centre will be the location of the Annual General Meeting of the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association Inc. on Saturday, January 15th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a great opportunity for members and area residents to keep updated about the activities of this Association and to meet new neighbours. For more information call Bruce at 488-2938.

If your New Year resolutions include learning more about your family history the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group is a great resource. The annual membership fee of \$10.00 includes four issues of its excellent magazine "Original Roots" and regular meetings with interesting programs are held throughout the year. The contact address is HHGG, Box 834, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0. Nancy Stinson of HHGG has just advised current members of a new website listed in the January/February 2005 issue of Family Chronicle Magazine "dedicated to all things Scottish in the world of genealogy". As Forbes and Frasers we plan to check it out.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Thursday, December 30 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Most lone hand honours went to Edith Burch and Bob Pollard. High score holders ladies/men were Pearl Cowen and Margaret Fletcher with Donna McKnight and Lorne Dinesen filling the second high slots. Other prizes were won by Pearl Cowen, Edith Burch, Maria Tschida, Don Burch and Jim Bradbury.

December 31 special event at Club 35, Halls Lake: Mary Pearson reports an excellent turnout for this combined card



AROUND THE TOWN

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and party night. The food brought in by members was fantastic and everyone enjoyed bringing in the New Year together. For bid euchre Cliff Davison and Percy Butler took the moonshots while Marj Coffey uncovered the hidden score. Leading the pinks at 285 was Verna McDonald followed by Betsy Kitching 223 and Jean Scadden 212. Tops for the white cards was Grant Kitching at 269 with Cliff Davison next at 255 and Rob Evans 250 third. For euchre Mary Pearson was double lucky winning both for most lone hands and the baloney. The ladies high score was recorded by Colleen Davison with Lise Desaillier low lady while Marnie Butler was high man and Lynda Voycey low.

Friday's duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: After a month long hiatus duplicate bridge will be returning to Echo Hills on Friday, January 14th starting at 1 p.m. and will continue throughout the winter as usual.

January 3 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Syd Adamson was in first place with Verna McDonald second and Lois Adamson third. The draw winners were Laura Carnegie, Lorna Hicks and Don Burch. Thanks to Jean Scadden for these results.

January 3 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: It was

Mary Pearson taking two prizes for winning both most lone hands and the baloney. In the high scores column Pearl Kernohan led for the ladies and our reporter Garth Windsor was high man. Helen Windsor and Stan Dutka recorded the evening's lows. Harry Randell, who took the special prize while playing at a table of three persons only, notes that his partner really was a "dummy".

January 3 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Gala Stamp took the honours for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands and Helen Skelding for low hands. Once again it was Cecil Smith who won the special prizes. An invitation is extended to players of all levels to come out for the 7:30 p.m. start. The cost is \$2.00 and includes refreshments.

January 3 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands column it was Lorne Dinesen for the gents and Verna McDonald for the ladies. High score holders ladies/men were Jeanne Keliele and Lorna Hicks with Betty Sharpe recording the afternoon's low. The special prize winners were Tim Sharpe and Pearl Cowen.

January 4 contract bridge at Stanhope: Reet Murray led the high scoring quartet with 6120 points with Barbara Baxter next at 5450, June Branning third at 5410 and Jean Jackson fourth at 4890. Ambrose Carroll won the lucky draw, Ross Davies was honoured with the Shiny Penny and. Reet Murray accepted her M.O.M.L. Award graciously as would be expected of the Madam Of Maple Lake.

January 4 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter reports that Harold Harvie recorded the men's high and Kevin Maloney the men's score for the evening. Ladies high went to Gala Stamp while Dale Ranson took the ladies low. Betty and Don Curry were both in the winners' circle with Betty holding the most lone hands and Don awarded the special draw prize.

January 4 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In top spot was Len Kroes at 300 followed by Elva Paisley 286 and Pat Roussel 280. Sharon and Rob Evans had the moonshots while Don Burch, Ida Young, Sharon Evans and Kay Howard won the draws.

Minden Women's Institute members enjoy Christmas lunch

by Pam Rolfe

Members and friends of the Minden Women's Institute gathered in the Minden United Church basement for our Annual Christmas Lunch. District President, Mrs. Audrey Thrasher from Burnt River and Past President Mrs. Mary McMaster and Marylin from Norland were our out of town visitors. Fourteen of our members were present and some of them brought along friends to join in the fun.

Our menu was quite diverse, which is the way of Pot Luck and everything was delicious. The table favours were small Christmas stockings filled with chocolates and a candy cane made by the President. The roll call was a Christmas greeting or a family tradition.

A quick business meeting took place after lunch and then we played a game of matching a country to a special dish, and although there was no prize, Mrs. Audrey Thrasher got all 10 correct.

We had a Silent Auction of donated items, which was quite successful.

Mrs. Elva Deacon played the piano and we sang Christmas Carols and Songs. A few funny stories were told and poetry read. The winner of the door prize was our Secretary Mrs. Mary Cox. Our Treasurer crocheted small wreaths to decorate with a ribbon bow and a pin to make a corsage.

We wished each other a very Happy Christmas and look forward to meeting again On January 19 at 1.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Mary Cox.

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Quit smoking 2005 contest gives added incentive for smokers to kick the habit

A provincial contest that encourages smokers to quit is good news for local residents who have Ontario's highest rate of exposure to second-hand smoke in homes.

Health for Life is welcoming the launch of the Ontario Quit Smoking 2005 Contest as an opportunity for smokers in Haliburton County to win a new car and – just as importantly – clear the air in their home and community.

"On its own, giving up smoking brings so many health benefits to you, your family and community. The Quit Smoking 2005 Contest is just an added incentive for smokers to kick the tobacco habit for good," says Anne-Marie Cyr, a public health nurse with Health for Life.

The Quit Smoking 2005 Contest challenges daily

smokers who are 19 years of age and older to butt out by February 1 and stay smoke-free for one month. People who are up to the challenge can win a brand-new Ford Mustang or one of seven Sony home theatre surround sound systems. Anyone who enters is asked to choose a buddy to help them stay smoke-free. The buddy stands to win a cash prize as well.

People can enter the Quit Smoking 2005 Contest by visiting www.quitsmokingontario.ca or picking up a registration form at any local health Unit office. The deadline to register for the contest is January 31.

Cyr is issuing a challenge to local smokers to enter the contest, noting the community has a long way to go in

protecting people from second-hand smoke. She cites the Canadian Community Health Survey for 2003, in which Statistics Canada found 15.8 percent of residents (ages 12 and over) in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and City of Kawartha Lakes were exposed to second-hand smoke at home. The local percentage was the highest of all health regions in Ontario, Cyr notes.

"Quitting isn't easy, but you will love how you feel and so will your family and friends," she says.

Preparation is the key to quitting smoking. For that reason, smokers are encouraged to call their local Health Unit office for tips and resources on staying smoke-free.


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The Lachapelle brothers, Kevin (12) and Steven (14) from Montreal took a break from visiting family for a quick game of pick-up hockey in the parking lot of the Motel Minden Monday morning. Ice was provided compliments of Mother Nature on Sunday night.

December a month of real winter weather

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

As a new year begins we hope that we can get better weather but as long as the weather pattern comes from the south and southwest, there is no better situation ahead.

The month was not particularly pleasant with lots of snow and rain. Very cold days before and after mild periods created a few problems for drivers and pedestrians.

With all the changes the average temperature was -4.4°C (24.8°F) only $.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ colder than last December. Rain fall was about normal but snow fall was much heavier. Happy New Year to all.

Average high:	-3.0°C ,	26.6°F
Average low:	-11.8°C ,	10.7°F
Average for the month:	-4.4°C ,	24.8°F
Average for last December:	-4.0°C ,	24°F
Highest temperature: Dec. 31:	6.5°C ,	43.7°F
Lowest temperature: Dec. 7:	-35°C ,	31°F
Rain:	58.2 mm,	2.2 in.
Snow:	78 cm,	30.7 in.
Total Precipitation:	136.2 mm,	5.3 in.
Total precipitation for last December:	77.2, 3 in	
Snow on ground Dec. 31:	37.0 cm,	14.5 in.
Snow on Ground Last December:	0	
Total Snowfall Nov. 1 to Dec 31:	85 cm.,	33.4 in.
Days mostly sunny:	6	
Days with snow or rain:	14	
Days with thunderstorms:	0	
Days with freezing rain:	2	

100,000 pennies collected for the Minden Food Bank

On December 22, just in time for Christmas, Rev. Max Ward of the Minden United Church presented the last of the money raised from collecting the pennies to the Food Bank. It took just over a year to collect 100,000 pennies from generous people in the church and the community.

Rev. Ward expressed thanks to the youths who helped collect and roll the pennies, the businesses that displayed the collection bottles, and to all who gave pennies and other coins.

Rev. Ward says, "It was fun collecting all those pennies. I'm looking forward to NOT rolling any more pennies for a little while!"

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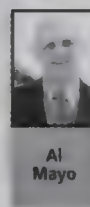
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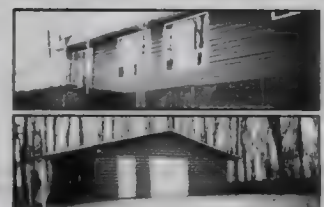
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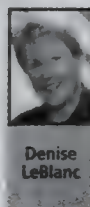
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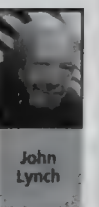
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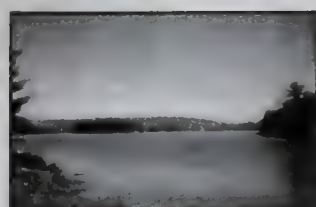
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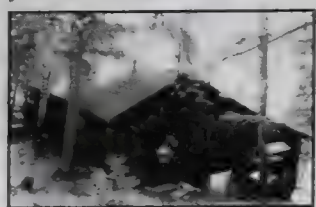
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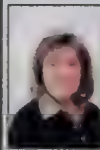
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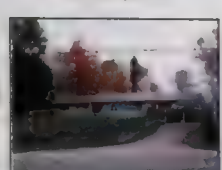
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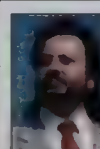
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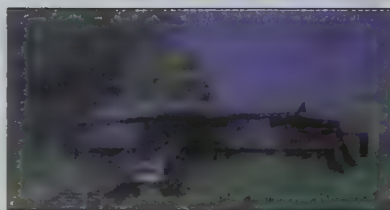


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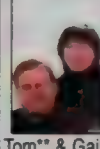


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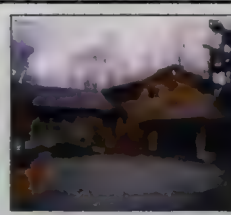


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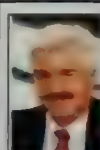
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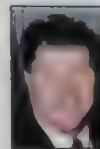
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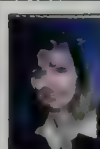
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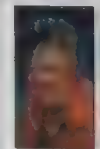


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I WOULD LIKE to thank family and friends for their phone calls, visits and cards before and after I came home from the Hospital. Wishing you all the best in 2005. **Hugh and Edna Taylor.**

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460 OBITUARIES

CALLAGHAN, A JAMES (Jim)
: Suddenly January 3, 2005 in his 61st year. Jim will be sadly missed by his wife Barbara. His father Joseph and sisters Phyllis (Sammy) and Patricia. His two sons James (Sylvia), granddaughters Jessica and Rachael, Jason (Jenny) and grandson Joshua. He will be missed by his step-sons Scott (Sharon), Rob (Lori), Munro and their children. A private service will be held in Ajax on January 6, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place.

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LYMBURNER, PERCY (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario): Peacefully with family by his side at Extendicare-Haliburton on Sunday, January 2, 2005. In his 87th year. Survived by his loving friend Ruth Bain. Loving father of Betty Dachyshyn of Alberta, Elmo (Nona) of Haliburton, and Carol (Al) Spracklin of Alberta. Dear grandfather of Angela (Isaac) Brannigan, April and Harold Lymburner, Dean and Elaine Dachyshyn and Anne Dixon, Deb and Denise Spracklin and Robert, Todd and Cheryl Perry and nine great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brother Bert and sisters Nona and Margaret. Forever fondly remembered by the Bain family. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy# 118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday January 5, 2005 at 1 p.m. As expressions of sympathy donation to the Alzheimer's Society, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or Extendicare would be appreciated by the family.

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THOMAS ALEXANDER HURTTA 1910 - 2005

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our most loved father and grandfather on January 3, 2005.

Born in Finland, he came to Canada at 17 years of age. Thomas lived and worked in the Toronto Area for many years for the Department of National Defense retiring to Minden in 1974. In June of 2000 he moved to Nova Scotia to live with his daughter Lynn. Thomas will always be remembered as a gentle person who loved life and enjoyed many Sports. He leaves to mourn his daughter Lynn (John) MacDonald of Juniper Mountain, Nova Scotia, his son Thomas (Jeannie) Hurtta of Donchurch, Ontario and three loving grandchildren Thomas, Sean and Jennifer. He was predeceased by his wife Annie in 1994 and was the last surviving member of his family. By request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service to celebrate his life and burial will be announced at a later date in Minden, Ontario. Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777).

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- **The Indoor Walking Program** at Archie Stouffer Elementary School has resumed following the Christmas break. All who wish to escape the icy sidewalks can walk the halls of the school 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. No charge.
- **January 10:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups, Haliburton, January 2005. We are holdingg informal support group meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Minden, Monday, January 10, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Hyland Crest Meeting Classroom. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, 457-8335.
- **January 11:** Highlands Weavers and Spinners monthly meeting at Pritchard House, Minden at 1:30 p.m., Marjorie Willis will give a talk on design insperation. All are welcome 286-3310.
- **January 13:** The Canadian Federation of University Women-Haliburton Highlands Chapter begins a new year with special guest Linda Reade, Y.W.C.A. Women's Resource Centre supervisor as a special guest. The monthly meeting is regularly scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at the new Sir Sandford Fleming Campus in Rm 10, starting at 7:00 p.m. New Members Welcome.
- **January 14:** The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area presents Author and Alzheimer Caregiver, Marian Ritchie who will discuss her book "The Long Way Home", A Journey through Alzheimer's. Haliburton Friday, January 14, 10:00 - 12:00 noon, Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery, County Road 1, Haliburton.
- **January 15:** Dogsledding at Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve- The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres to present a series of winter workshops. Each workshop runs from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance 705-489-4049.
- **January 16:** Blues at the Hall, featuring Bobby Watson & his Blues Band, Sunday Jan. 16, 2005, 2 - 6 p.m., at the Galway Hall. Age of Majority Event. All proceeds to the Kinmount Medical Center. Doors open at 1 p.m. Door prizes.
- **January 20:** Haliburton Legion 50+ Club welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion hall for our next meeting. This month a pot-luck supper followed by our annual fun filled auction. We ask that you bring your favourite food for eating and your oldie but goodie items for the auction. Come out and enjoy a great evening. Doors open 4:40 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests welcome. If attending, please let Ruth or Jim know by Tues. Jan 18. Call 457-2124.

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